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HERE'S PROOF...

How This Amazing New
Scientific Formula
Called Comate May Help You

Save Your Hair

If you are troubled by thinning hair, dry itchy scalp, dandruff, if you fear approaching baldness—here is GOOD NEWS!

Now available to you is the amazing new Comate Medicinal Formula, developed after years of painstaking research. Comate effectively controls dandruff—the scalp disease now believed by many leading doctors to be the most common

cause of hair loss and eventual baldness. These doctors declare that three types of dangerous scalp organisms are the cause of this scalp disease: *staphylococcus albus*, *pytiosporum ovale*, and *cornobacterium acnes*.

First, Comate was put to a series of rigid tests on cultures of these hair-destroying bacteria. HERE ARE THE STARTLING RESULTS!

PROOF 1

Comate Medicinal Formula killed the three test cultures—*staphylococcus albus*, *pytiosporum ovale*, *cornobacterium acnes*—in 60 seconds! Report #8099, June 17, 1950, by a leading independent testing laboratory. (Complete report on file, copy on request)

Our research chemists were still not satisfied. Yes, Comate had proved itself on the test tube, but would Comate work as well on the human hair and scalp? And so another—a second—series of

experiments was prescribed, to test Comate on the hair and scalp of men and women. Here is the remarkable performance of Comate when applied directly to the human scalp.

PROOF 2

Comate Medicinal Formula, applied directly to scalp of men and women, killed 88.4% of all scalp bacteria, after 15 minutes application. Report #26655, December 14, 1950, by a leading independent testing laboratory. (Complete report on file, copy on request)

After this proof of success both in the laboratory and on the scalp of men and women, Comate was put to the third test—the toughest of them all. Comate was sold by the thousands on

a DOUBLE MONEY BACK GUARANTEE in a number of typical American stores. In 3 short months we have learned that our work and faith in Comate have been vindicated.

PROOF 3

Letters of gratitude hailing Comate have poured into our offices. By word-of-mouth the amazing results with Comate have been told far more effectively than we could in this advertisement. And only 1.9% of Comate users have asked for and received double their money back. Imagine! 98.1% of our customers were delighted with the sensational results from Comate Formula. Report July 27, 1951, by Certified Public Accountant.

DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

Read the PROOF from the laboratory tests—the PROOF from the scalp tests—the PROOF in the letters of gratitude from happy men and women who have found Comate the answer to their scalp troubles.

Comate must accomplish for you what it has for thousands of men and women. You must be completely satisfied, or DOUBLE YOUR MONEY will be returned to you. We take all the risk.

Not even Comate can grow hair from dead hair follicles—so DON'T DELAY—fill out the no-risk coupon while there is still a chance to have thicker-stronger-healthier looking hair. Mail the coupon TODAY.



Actual Experiences of Skeptical Men and Women PROVE HAIR CAN BE GROWN From Live Hair Follicles

- "I used to comb out a handful of hair at a time. Now I only get 4-6 on my comb. The terrible itching has stopped." —L. H. M., Los Angeles, Cal.
- "My hair has quit falling out and getting thin." —D. W. C., c/o FPO, N. Y.
- "My husband has tried many treatments and spent a great deal of money on his scalp. Nothing helped until he started using your formula." —Mrs. R. L. B., Piquette, Ohio
- "Used it twice and my hair has already stopped falling." —R. H., Corona, Cal.
- "Comate is successful in every way you mention. Used it only a few days and can see the big change in my scalp and hair." —C. E. N., Richmond, Wash.
- "My hair was thin at the temples and all over. Now it looks so much thicker. I can tell it." —Miss C. T., San Angelo, Tex.
- "I've used a good many different 'tonics'. But until I tried Comate, I had no results. Now I'm rid of dandruff and itchy scalp. My hair looks thicker." —E. E., Alberta, Canada
- "My hair has improved. It used to fall out by handfuls. Comate stopped it from falling out." —D. M., Oklahoma City, Okla.
- "Now my hair looks quite thick." —J. K., Chicago, Ill.
- "My hair had been coming out and breaking off for about 21 years and Comate has improved so much." —Mrs. J. E., Lisbon, Ga.
- "No trouble with dandruff since I started using it." —L. W. M., Galveston, Tex.
- "It really has improved my hair in one week, and I know what the result will be in three more. I am so happy over it, I had to write." —Mrs. M. J., McComb, Miss.

These are a few of the unsolicited testimonials received every day from grateful men and women all over the country. Once you've tried Comate you'll rave about it, too!

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DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

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YOU'RE FORTY STORIES UP IN THE AIR. THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT YOU BUT EMPTY SPACE WHERE ONE MIS-STEP MEANS DEATH! AND YOU FACE A RAVING MANIAC WHO'S OUT TO KILL YOU--BUT YOU CAN'T GET OUT BECAUSE THE ONLY OUT IS THE ELEVATOR SHAFT BEHIND HIM! WHAT WOULD YOU DO? READ THE ANSWER IN...

STEEL GIRDER!



THEY STILL TALK ABOUT IT SOMETIMES, WHEN A NEWCOMER GETS TOO COCKY, AND EVERYONE IN THE BUSINESS HAS HEARD OF IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WELL--IT ALL BEGAN A FEW YEARS BACK--WHEN THE WALLIS BUILDING WAS BEING PUT UP...



HEADS UP, MCCARTY! HERE SHE COMES!-- ONE HOT COOKIE!



THIS WAS A TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION GANG--THE GIRDERSMEN WHO WELDED AND PUT UP STEEL SUPPORTS AND SHAFTS. THEY WERE THE SKYSCRAPER'S HEART. BUT THE FOREMAN WAS MIKE LOMAK, ONE OF THE MEANEST, RUTHLESS BOSSES IN THE BUSINESS.

WHEW! DIS WAS A TOUGH DAY! BOY--THAT SUN WAS BEATIN' RIGHT ON MY BACK!

GOWAN! YOU GOT A REAL BEACH SUN-TAN NOW! HAW HAW, YOU'RE A REAL MOVIE-STAR!

SNAP IT UP! COME ON! COME ON!



THE MEN HATED HIM--BUT NO ONE DARED TELL HIM OFF. LOMAK WAS THE KIND THAT WOULD RATHER BEAT YOUR FACE IN FIRST, BEFORE YOU COULD FINISH YOUR GRIPE. JOEY LANE SHOULD NEVER HAVE TRIED TO FINISH HIS WORK.

JUST A FEW MORE SHOTS--AND THIS JOICE'LL BE SHIPSHAPE! I WOULDN'T WANT LOMAK ON MY NECK AGAIN FOR BEING SLOW...



THE DIRTY, LOUSY RAT!

OH-OH! POOR LANE! HE ALWAYS GETS IT!



DONCHA UNNERSTAND ENGLISH? I SAID KNOCK OFF! THAT'S ALL FER TODAY! YA WANNA BUILD THIS SCRAPER ALL BY YOURSELF, LANE?



N-NO, MR. LOMAK! HONEST! I-I WAS ONLY TRYIN' TO DO A GOOD JOB! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU CALL OUT TIME!

YEAH? WELL GET THIS, YA YELLOW-LIVERED RUNT! IF I EVER CATCH YA NOT JUMPIN' WHEN I TELL YOU TO AGAIN, I'LL FIRE YA--SEE! NOW BEAT IT!



THE NO-GOOD SKUNK! HE KNOWS WE CAN'T GRIPE OVER HIS HEAD 'CAUSE HE'S GOT CONNECTIONS! AND IF ANYONE DOES, HE NEVER GETS A JOB AGAIN! SOMEDAY, SOMEONE'S GONNA FIX HIM GOOD!

YEAH! BUT RIGHT NOW WE GOTTA TAKE IT AND LIKE IT!



JOE LANE WAS A GOOD GUY. HE WAS THE TYPE THAT LIVED ONLY FOR HIS YOUNG PRETTY WIFE TERRY-- AND THEIR BABY!

I'M FRIGHTENED, JOEY! PLEASE, QUIT BEFORE SOMETHING HAPPENS! THAT MIKE LOMAK IS A--A BULLY!

THERE--THERE, HONEY! I GOTTA WORK! RELAX NOW! EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!



BUT THE NEXT MORNING, LOMAK HAD SOMETHING SPECIAL PLANNED FOR JOEY LANE!!

YOU'RE LATE AGAIN, LANE AND I'M GETTIN' SICK-ANTIRE O' PLAYIN' NURSE-MAID TO YA! FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE ANOTHER JOB!



B--BUT, MR. LOMAK! I WAS JUST A FEW MINUTES LATE! MY WIFE DON'T FEEL SO WELL. THE BABY--

SHADDUP! YOU'RE GONNA TAKE OVER THE RIVET GUN ON THE TOP-FLOOR! I'M SHIFTIN' YA THERE AS OF RIGHT NOW!

T-THE TOP FLOOR--N-NO! MY EYES-- I-I DON'T SEE SO GOOD! I'M SUPPOSED TO GET GLASSES THIS WEEK! -- CAN'T YOU WAIT TILL THEN?



NO! YOU'RE GOING UP, LANE! YOU'RE GONNA SIT THERE ON YER TAIL ALL ALONE UP IN THE SKY AND DO WHAT I TELL YOU! I HATE WISE GUYS--AN' YOU'RE A WISE GUY!

PLEASE-- PLEASE!-- I GET DIZZY IF I'M TOO HIGH UP!

LOMAK GETS OFF AS JOE IS HOISTED HIGHER AND HIGHER...



M-MUSTN'T LOOK DOWN!

THAT DAY WAS HELL FOR JOEY LANE! LOMAK RODE HIM EVERY MINUTE! SOMETHING HAD TO GIVE! NO GUY COULD TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS...

FASTER, LANE--FASTER! YOU'RE A LAZY SON OF A GUN! FASTER!



WHAT'S KEEPIN' YA? SHAKE THE LEAD OUT! COME ON! SNAP IT UP!!

FINALLY JOE CAN'T TAKE IT ANY LONGER... HE SCREAMS AT LOMAK AS HE BACKS OUT ONTO A PLANKING...

LEAVE ME ALONE!
DO YOU HEAR ME!
LEAVE ME
ALONE!

WHY YOU LITTLE
PUNK! I'LL BASH
YOUR HEAD IN!



Y-YOU LEAVE ME ALONE! USE YOUR FISTS! THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO! I'M TIRED OF IT! I'M TIRED OF YOU! STAY AWAY FROM ME, OR I'LL--

**JOEY--!
WATCH OUT!!
BEHIND YOU!!
JOEY!!**



THEY
GATHERED
THAT POOR,
BROKEN
BODY--ALL
OF THEM.
NOT A
WORD WAS
SPOKEN.
THE
SILENCE
WEIGHED
DOWN
MIKE
LOMAK.
THE POLICE
ARRIVED,
REPORTERS
CAME--
A CROWD
GATHERED..

JOEY...
JOEY...
SOB...
SOB...

HE FELL ACCIDENTALLY! ALL OF US
SAW IT! HE WAS GETTIN' JUMPY LATELY!
I WUZ GONNA ASSIGN HIM TO ANOTHER
FLOOR! BUT IT HAPPENED TOO
QUICKLY--!



**ORDINARILY
THAT
WOULD
HAVE BEEN
THE END--
BUT JOEY
LANE HAD
A BROTHER!
THE LETTER
ARRIVED
EARLY ONE
AFTERNOON
A FEW WEEKS
AFTERWARDS
TO ROY LANE,
STARRED
ACROBAT
WITH A
CARNIVAL...**

WHEW! THAT'S
ENOUGH FOR NOW!
HI, POP! GOT A
LETTER FOR ME?

SURE DO SON! MMM...
IT'S GOT PARFUME!
DIDNT KNOW YOU'D
HAVE A LADY ADMIRER!



GIVE IT HERE, YOU OLD CUPID! IT'S FROM
JOEY'S WIFE! LISTEN TO WHAT SHE SAYS..
"ROY--SOMETHING DREADFUL HAS
HAPPENED. JOEY HAS--"

GO ON, SON!
GO ON!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, SON-- BAD NEWS?

YEAH, POP! VERY BAD! DO ME A FAVOR--GET MY THINGS PACKED, WILL YOU? I'M THROUGH HERE! THERE'S SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS I GOTTA ATTEND TO...



AND TWO DAYS LATER...

I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO, ROY! JOEY'S DEAD, ROY! DEAD-- DEAD--DEAD... SOB...

LITTLE JOEY-WHO WOULDN'T HARM A FLY-- DEAD! YOU SAY MIKE LOMAK HATED HIM, EH? MAYBE WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! YEAH! MAYBE...



ROY NOW STAYED WITH TERRY, HE WANTED A JOB BADLY--A CONSTRUCTION JOB! AND SOME DAYS LATER, A WISPY, BE-SPECTACLED WORKER FACED MIKE LOMAK AT THE ASSIGNMENT SHACK...

ROY LANE, EH? YOU'RE JOE LANE'S BROTHER! TOO BAD 'BOUT HIM! BUT HE WAS NO CONSTRUCTION MAN! WE GOT NO USE FER GUYS THAT GET DIZZY UP THERE! YOU LIKE TO TAKE HIS JOB, EH?

YES, MR. LOMAK! I'M NOT TOO BIG A GUY-- BUT--BUT I CAN WORK!



WE'LL SEE, LANE! OKAY! YOU'RE HIRED! BUT GET THIS--! WELCH ON THE JOB LIKE YER BROTHER DID AND--YOU'RE THROUGH! TAKE GIRDER A-14 ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH FLOOR!

OKAY! AND THANKS!



LOMAK LOVED THIS. NOW, HE HAD JOEY LANE TO BULLY ALL OVER AGAIN! THIS BROTHER OF HIS SEEMED EVEN MORE OF A COWARD THAN JOEY! HE STARTED ON ROY RIGHT AWAY...

I THOUGHT YOU TOLD ME YOU COULD HANDLE A BRICK CARRIER! CARRY IT ON YER BACK! GOWAN--CARRY IT! I SAID!!

Y-YESIR!



AND SO IT WENT FOR DAYS WITH NO LETUP BUT ROY LEARNED FAST...

LOOK, LANE! IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS-- BUT IF I WERE YOU, I'D QUIT! LOMAK IS OUT TO GET YOU! HE'S A LOON! FORGET I TOLD YA ANYTHING! BUT WATCH OUT!

THANKS FRIEND! I'LL TAKE THAT ADVICE!



LOMAK
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GET YOUR TAIL
UP TO THE TOP
GIRDER! IT'S
SEVENTY-TWO
STORIES TO THE
GROUND, LANE!
SCARED? HA, HA...

N-NO!

HERE IT
COMES! HERE'S
WHAT I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR!!



MOMENTS LATER...

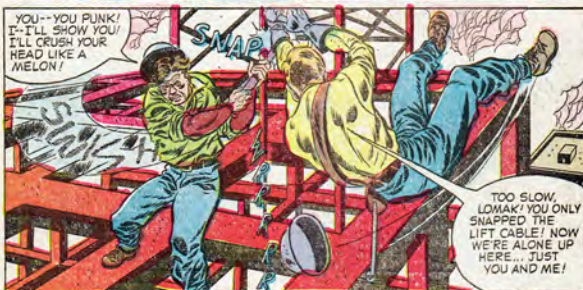
OKAY, LANE! THERE'S
NOTHING BUT EMPTY AIR
ON ALL SIDES OF YA.
NOW I'M GONNA SEE
WHAT YA GOT FOR GUTS--
HA--HA...

YOU'RE CRAZY, LOMAK!
NOW I KNOW WHAT'S
WRONG WITH YOU. YOU'RE
SCARED ON THE GROUND!
YOU DON'T GET ALONG
WITH PEOPLE! BUT HERE
--YOU'RE KING!-- ONLY
I WON'T KNEEL!



YOU--YOU PUNK!
I--I'LL SHOW YOU!
I'LL CRUSH YOUR
HEAD LIKE A
MELON!

SNAP



TOO SLOW,
LOMAK! YOU ONLY
SNAPPED THE
LIFT CABLE! NOW
WE'RE ALONE UP
HERE... JUST
YOU AND ME!

LOMAK CHARGED WITH ONE INTENTION--TO
THROTTLE HIM! BUT ROY WAS WAITING...

NEVER LEAD WITH YOUR RIGHT, LOMAK! YOU'RE
A BIG MAN--AND YOU'RE STRONG--BUT NOT
STRONG ENOUGH BECAUSE THIS IS CHILD'S
PLAY TO ME!



YOU SEE LOMAK! I'M USED TO THIS
SORT OF THING! I'VE DEVELOPED
MY MUSCLES SINCE I WAS A KID!
I COULD TIE YOU INTO A KNOT IF I
WANTED TO! BUT I'D RATHER
SEE YOU SWEAT, LOMAK!



STAY AWAY FROM ME LANE! I'M WARNIN' YA!

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT LOMAK? YOU'RE AT THE EDGE OF THE PLANKING! THIS IS HOW JOEY WENT, WASN'T IT? YOU EGGED HIM ON, LOMAK-- DIDN'T YOU?

LISTEN, YA NUT! YOU'LL KILL US BOTH! LET ME GET BACK ON THAT GIRDER! I-I HAD NUTHIN' TO DO WITH YER BROTHER'S DEATH! I DIDN'T PUSH HIM!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO! YOU KNEW HE GOT DIZZY DIDN'T YOU? ALL I HAVE TO DO, LOMAK, IS STEP ON THIS PLANKING JUST ONCE! YOU'LL FALL, LOMAK, SEVENTY-TWO STORIES!



SUDDENLY--THERE CAME A SLOW, OMINOUS SOUND...

THE PLANKING'S GIVING WAY UNDER YOUR WEIGHT, LOMAK! YOU'RE GOING TO DIE! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO GO THIS WAY?!

AAAAGHH! IT'S BREAKING LOOSE!!



IT'S ONLY MY HAND NOW THAT LETS YOU LIVE, LOMAK! I'M AN ACROBAT! I COULD STAY UP HERE ALL NIGHT-- BUT YOU--HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL LAST? IT'S HIGH UP ISN'T IT? JOEY DIDN'T LIKE IT EITHER!

N-NO! P-PULL ME UP! OH GOD! GOD! I DON'T WANNA DIE! PLEASE!! PLEASE!!



ROY LANE BROUGHT HIM DOWN HIM ONE WAS ANYWHERE NEAR THEM TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED FROM BELOW IT LOOKED LIKE ROY HAD SAVED LOMAK'S LIFE, BUT TERRY-AND THE REST ALL KNEW.

I DID IT! I DID IT! I KILLED JOEY LANE! I MADE HIM TAKE THAT JUMP! LOCK ME UP! HA-HA-HA... I KILLED HIM! AHA, HA, HA...

WELL, THAT'S THE END OF LOMAK...

THANK YOU ROY-- OH, THANK YOU!

COME ON, KID! WE'RE GOING HOME! REST EASILY JOEY! LOMAK'S FATE IS WORSE THAN YOURS!



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TAKE THE "R" OUT OF "FRIENDS" AND YOU GET "FIENDS." BOTH OF THOSE WORDS REPRESENTED JANSEN AND THORNBERG. THE FIRST APPLIED TO THEM BEFORE THEY MET NAN, THE SECOND AFTERWARD, WHILE THEY WERE RUNNING THEIR FRENZIED RACE FOR...

BLUBBER!



THE WHOLE THING CAME TO A HEAD THE TIME THORNBERG BROKE UP THE MEETING BETWEEN JANSEN AND NAN FLANDERS, FOR A WHILE IT LOOKED LIKE MURDER.

WAIT... WAIT DARLINGS, BOTH OF YOU! PLEASE, FOR MY SAKE!



HOW CAN I CHOOSE ONE OF YOU WITHOUT HURTING THE OTHER? BUT THERE MUST BE A WAY! YES... THERE IS! I WILL MARRY THE ONE WHO BRINGS IN THE MOST WHALE TONNAGE IN A MONTH!



FOR A MOMENT NAN'S WORDS BROUGHT ONLY A PUZZLING SILENCE, THEN...

HA-HA-HA! A GOOD DEAL! GET READY TO MARRY JAN JANSEN, NAN, A MONTH FROM TODAY!

BUNK! I'LL BE ME NILS THORNBERG, NAN! MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THAT!



THE SKY WAS WET AND GRAY ON THAT FIRST MORNING AFTER THE PACT WAS MADE. TWO OTHER CHASERS BESIDE JANSEN'S AND THORNBURG'S BOATS HAD LEFT THE SHORE STATION BEFORE DAWN AND NOW ROWED THE MURKY SEAS...



WE ALWAYS SHARED THINGS EVERYTHING. WHY DOES HE GET SORE NOW? I HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT TO NAN AS NILS!

BUT IF HE WANTS IT THAT WAY THAT'S HOW IT'LL BE!



JANSEN AND THORNBURG HAD SHARED THE PACIFIC WAR, SHARED THEIR FOOD, THEIR DANGER, THEIR LIVES. WHEN IT WAS OVER THEY HAD STAYED ON... IN JAPAN... WITH THE AMERICAN-ORIENTAL WHALING COMPANY...

THORNBURG WAS AN EXPERT HARPOON-GUNNER AND HE TAUGHT JANSEN TO BE ONE...

I DRINK TO YOU, JAN. YOU BROUGHT IN MORE THAN I DID THIS MONTH!

IT WAS JUST SUCH AN OCCASION... LATER, WHEN NAN FLANDER CAME INTO THEIR LIVES...

YOU STAY HERE, JAN.

JANSEN HESITATED, THEN, GLASS IN HAND, HE FOLLOWED THORNBURG TO THE TABLE. THEY HAD COME TO THE PACIFIC IN 1942. THIS WAS 1949... SEVEN YEARS WITHOUT SPEAKING TO AN AMERICAN WOMAN! THEN...

I SAID TO STAY THERE, JAN!

YOU... REALLY MEANT IT, EH, NILS?



JANSEN HAD LEARNED FAST. THERE GREW UP A FRIENDLY RIVALRY...

AFTER THAT JANSEN WAS CAUTIOUS. HE STAYED ASHORE SOME OF THE TIMES THORNBURG WENT OUT. HE SOUGHT OUT NAN... AND ROUND HER LIPS WERE SWEET... AND HE WAS HUNGRY FOR THEM...



THEN ONE DAY...

NILS!

YOU CROOK! YOU ROTTEN YELLOW RIVER RAT! JAN I'M GONNA KILL YOU...



THREE WEEKS PASSED AND NEITHER RIVAL COULD GAIN A MARGIN OF TONNAGE OVER THE OTHER. NERVES GREW TAUT AS THE DAY OF RECKONING DREW NEAR. THEN ON THE LAST DAY...

THERE SHE BLOWS!

FULL SPEED AHEAD! ALL HANDS AT STATIONS! CONFOUND IT, THAT'S THORNBERG COMING IN TOO!



IT WAS A HUGE FINBACK. JANSEN BROKE EVERY RULE TO GET THE ANIMAL: FULL SPEED WHEN HE SHOULD HAVE CUT HIS SPEED, FIRING BEFORE HIS AIM WAS PERFECTED... NEVERTHELESS...

GOT HIM! AND BEFORE THORNBERG! WHAT A CATCH!



THE HARPOON SANK DEEP INTO THE WHALE'S BACK, BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH THE BOMB IN THE HARPOON' END. IT SHOULD HAVE GONE OFF, KILLING THE PREY, BUT IT FAILED TO DO SO AND...

WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TROUBLE!!



THE WHALE SOUNDED... DOWN AND DOWN... A HALF MILE... THREE QUARTERS... ONE MILE...

HE CAN PULL US UNDER IF THE ROPE GIVES OUT!



THEN THE WOUNDED WHALE SURGED UPWARD AND, LIKE A LEAPING TARPON, CLEARED THE SURFACE, ALL OF ITS NINETY FEET... WITH A TON TO EVERY FOOT...



THE WHALE WAS SPENT AFTER THAT AND LAY SPOUTING, BUT JANSEN'S KEEN EYE NOTED THE HARPOON WAS WORKING LOOSE. MOREOVER, THORNBURG'S CRAFT WAS GETTING NEAR. IF JANSEN LOST THE WHALE, IT MIGHT BE FAIR GAME FOR HIS COMPETITOR...

LOWER THE PRAM!



TO START THE MOTORS WOULD HAVE SENT THE BIG WHALE FREE. THERE WAS ONE CHANCE. JANSEN WAS GOING TO TRY TO STRIKE A VITAL SPOT BY HAND. HE SCARCELY NOTICED THE UGLY KILLERS THAT SURROUNDED THE PRAM IN WHICH HE RODE...

EASY, NOW! EASY!



JANSEN HAD STRUCK DEEPLY INTO THE LUNGS, WHEN THE WHALE, IN A FINAL LURCH RAISED ITS FLUKES...

A/YYY-Y-Y-Y!



HELP! HELP!!

USE A STICK! POKE 'EM! JAB 'EM! THEY'VE TASTED BLOOD FROM THE WHALE! THEY'LL BITE ANYTHING!!



NILS! THANK GOD YOU'VE COME! HURRY! LOWER A PRAM! THROW US A LINE!



I'LL MAKE A DEAL, JAN. THE WHALE IS MINE!

YES, YES! ONLY HURRY! THESE SHARKS ARE HUNGRY!!



THORNBURG CALMLY AIMED HIS HARPOON GUN AT THE ALMOST DEAD ANIMAL AND FIRED...

THIS MAKES IT OFFICIAL! YOU CAN'T TRUST A GUY WHO WILL STEAL YOUR WOMAN FROM YOU!!



NILS! NILS! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! AIYYEEOWWW!!



JANSEN PASSED OUT AND WHEN HE CAME TO HE WAS ON THORNBERG'S BOAT, AND NILS WAS BESIDE HIM...

**YOU DIRTY KILLER!
YOU LET THAT SHARK GET
ME ON PURPOSE! I'M
GONNA GET YOU THROWN
OUT!**

**EASY, JAN. I FIGURED
YOU COULD TAKE CARE
OF YOURSELF. SORRY
GONNA HAVE YOU FIX-
ED UP FINE THOUGH!**



**WHAT ARE YOU DOING
WITH THAT BLOWTORCH?
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA
DO WITH IT?**

**DO? WHY CAUTERIZE
THAT WOUND, JAN!
YOU DON'T WANT TO
LOSE A LEG, DO YOU?**



**AS THORNBERG MOVED NEAR JANSEN'S COT, JANSEN
LURCHED UP GRABBING THORNBERG BY THE HAIR...**

**NOW SCREAM, YOU DIRTY
BLOODY, MERCILESS KILLER!
SCREAM!!**

**NO! JAN!
JAN! MY G..**



**YIIIIII... LET ME OUT!!!
LET ME GO!!!**



THE TORCH FELL UPON THE JUG OF GASOLINE WITH WHICH THORNBERG HAD FILLED THE TORCH AND...

HELP! FIRE!!



THE CREW PUT OUT THE FLAMES, AND SPED FOR THE SHORE STATION. NEITHER THORNBERG NOR JANSEN KNEW ANYTHING BY THEN. THEY AWOKE LATER... DAYS LATER... ON SHORE, IN TOO GREAT PAIN TO KNOW THAT CRIMINAL CHARGES HAD BEEN LODGED AGAINST THEM...



THEY DID NOT KNOW THEY HAD BEEN TAKEN TO AN ARMY HOSPITAL ON THE MAINLAND. SLOWLY JANSEN'S SENSES CLEARED. HE COULD LOOK ACROSS THE AISLE AND SEE THORNBERG WRITHING IN AGONY. WHEN THE DOCTOR CAME...

DOC YOU GOTTA GET WORD TO A GIRL... NAMED NAN FLANDERS...

SAME NAME THORNBERG WAS SHRIEKING IN DELIRIUM.



IF THAT'S THE ONE YOU TWO WERE BATTLING OVER YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING UP A BLIND ALLEY. WE TRIED TO GET WORD TO HER ABOUT THORNBERG. SHE WENT OFF WITH THE CAPTAIN OF A TRADING VESSEL THREE WEEKS AGO!



WHY THAT... I'LL KILL HER! I'LL KILL HER!

YOU AND THORNBERG HAVE DONE QUITE ENOUGH ALREADY. WHEN YOU GET OUT OF HERE YOU'LL BE FACING A TRIAL. IT'S ONLY LUCKY THE REST OF YOUR CREWS WEREN'T BURNED TO DEATH OR EATEN BY SHARKS!



JANSEN WATCHED THE DOCTOR LEAVE. THE WHOLE TRAGEDY OF THE THING DAWNED SLOWLY UPON HIM.

ALL THAT... FOR A DAME...



YES, FOR A DAME EACH HAD RUINED THE OTHER. JANSEN FOREVER A CRIPPLE WITHOUT A LEG... THORNBERG A TWISTED, HIDEOUS THING... AND IF THEY LIVED, CRIMINALS TO BOOT, SUDDENLY THE GRIM HUMOR OF IT STRUCK JANSEN... HE TIPPED BACK HIS HEAD...

HA-HA... HA HA HA... HA HA HA HA! HOW MUCH TONNAGE, NILS? HA HA HA HA HA!... HA...



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Among the men who have learned to live with Death, among the structural steel workers, the high wire men, the divers and sandhogs and powdermen, there is a saying that "all occupations are dangerous for fools." It is their way of dismissing the skill and daring it takes to stay alive in the daily gamble they call their trade.

Even so, there is something in what they say.

For every occupation may be hazardous. Industrial safety surveys show, for instance, that there are some 620 separate job hazards in addition to accidents. Some of these are concealed, but most of them are apparent upon a little investigation of the work situation. And most of them are nowadays hedged around with a multitude of precautions and mechanical safeguards which are a tribute to the efforts of many safety engineers.

But it still takes trained muscles, steady nerves and clear heads to avoid the deadly consequences of ignorance and inattention in the fast-moving world of machines and technical processes in which we live. The hand that is not quick is cut off. The lazy arm is caught up into a crushing jaw of gears. The dull-witted body is overtaken and flattened

into a bloody mass. Whatever our occupation, we all face the dangers of modern mechanization, if only on the highway or the city street.

Technology has, however, created another class of dangers that are silent and often immobile—the electrical and chemical hazards that do not rattle before they strike.

These are the destructive energies that shock instantly or irradiate patiently; the poisons that secretly rob living tissue of life; the quiet fumes that destroy the brain; the dusts that corrode the lungs.

In the form of solvents and bases, as part and parcel of various processes, as product and by-product, the chemicals of industry can kill as surely as a falling girder. In 1933, the U. S. Department of Labor listed in one of its publications 94 of these industrial poisons, some of them dangerous even when properly handled, and all of them deadly if misused. As an example, take the case of fumes from spray painting. It is said that painters on the average die 16 years before their time. Yet, under conditions of adequate ventilation and careful use, the fumes from modern paints are harmless. The difference lies in the work habits and the knowledge of the painters.

DOUBLE DANGER

As another example, and to indicate how devious may be the ways of chemical death, take the page from the history of the hatters' unions that shows a suicide rate among the members 450% above that of the general population. This was due to a process known as "carrotting" wherein nitrate of mercury was used on fur so that under steam and pressure it would form felt for hats. Felt was not all it affected, however. The effect of mercury fumes on the human brain brought on death—by the roundabout way of suicidal impulses that the victims could not resist!

Tomorrow, the history of radioactive substances and strange energies being harnessed in our laboratories may write even more weird chapters of the hidden dangers men face in the course of their daily work.

In any event, knowledge is man's great protection in this area of lurking death. When the disguise of the killer is known, he is to a large extent disarmed. That, of course, is the basis of the wise workers' creed to seek to "know what you are working with."

In the larger field of industrial accidents, though, knowledge is not so great a protection as alertness. Here all the accumulated wisdom

in the world means less than the simple ability to "get out of the way," or even just to "watch what you're doing." Statistics allow no argument on this point. They show, as plainly as a row of gravestones, that in any year of normal employment approximately 25,000 workers in the U. S. are killed from industrial accidents alone.

In more detail, the figures point out that in years of average employment about 10,000 construction workers are killed in the U. S. and perhaps two million injured. In New York, the center of skyscraper construction, over a thousand construction workers are killed every year.

Further, three out of every thousand American mine workers are killed in mining accidents each year. In the first three months of this year there were 133 fatalities in the mines. As a matter of fact, the figures of the statistical tables reveal that of all countries, the one having the highest mine fatality record is the United States.

And so on and so on, through the list of occupations.

Out of it all arises the significant fact that

job accidents are a serious menace to the life of every worker, and that these accidents are no respecter of person, place, or employment. What does not show through the statistics is the more fundamental fact that these accidents involve human beings *before* as well as *after* the fatal moment. In other words, the figures have a deeper meaning in that someone has to do or fail to do something in order to produce the events summarized in the cold figures. It is this human element that we are all too likely to forget in any consideration of the factors concerned.

Actually, there are no such things as "fatal accidents."

There are only fatal mistakes.

And it takes human beings to make the mistakes, whether workers or employers.

Employers' mistakes, by the way, are usually self-evident in that they are questions of dangerous premises rather than questions of dangerous persons, and the fixing of responsibility can ordinarily be accomplished by inspection.

Workers' mistakes, however, are another matter, and often the worker is unaware that he is the victim of his own mistakes.

Most arguments about accident liability revolve around these two points. Witness as illustration the following quotations taken from reports of experts regarding industrial accidents:

"... although the railways—always made to suffer financially for accidents for which their officers or servants are held responsible by the courts—have for years taken almost every conceivable precaution, the number of accidents, in proportion to the number of persons traveling, diminishes but slowly—so slowly that, in view of the variety of conditions to be considered, it would hardly be safe to conclude that the diminution is due to any definite improvement in the safeguards provided. Collisions, on the other hand, are preventable, and derailments nearly so, and the records of deaths and injuries in this class in successive years are therefore justly taken as an index to the efficiency with which the railroads are managed. Apart from collisions and derailments, a large portion of all accidents is found to be due primarily to want of care on the part of the victims... the accident totals must be taken as being somewhat near the 'irreducible minimum'—unless some of the infirmities of the human mind can be cured."

"... the most serious source of death and injury is not found in mine explosions, but in the fall of rocks and mineral in the working places. This danger can be reached only in small degree by laws and inspection; but the safety of the men must depend upon the skill and care of the miners themselves and the officers in charge of the underground work. Great loss of life and injury occur through the ignorance, carelessness and recklessness of

the men themselves, who fail to take the necessary precautions for their own safety, even when warned to do so."

"... if the owners didn't demand so much work per hour from the men, then the men would have time to take the necessary precautions, but if it's a choice between the job and the risk, most of the men will take the risk."

"... if a seaman receives hurt or injury in the service of a ship, the expense of medical attendance and maintenance, together with the cost of bringing him home, is to be borne by the owner of the ship, and cannot be deducted from wages."

So run the arguments. The assignment of blame and the assessment of damages, however, heals no wounds and spares no pain; so to the individual most intimately concerned, the potential victim, arguments are something for lawyers to worry about. With others he can urge the passage of laws and the maintenance of inspections to dispose of dangerous premises. But as for dangerous persons—he must look out for himself.

At this point, Science has a contribution to make through recent research which set out to locate some of the main causes of accidents in so-called hazardous jobs. It was found, as expected, that the human factor loomed large in any calculations. Certain psychological testing procedures were then enlisted to separate the most important behavior characteristics of workers who were most frequently involved in accidents.

The result was as simple as it was startling.

First it was determined that *recklessness* was the trait of personality that marked the individual most likely to have an accident.

Next, the specific nature of this recklessness was isolated and minutely analyzed, and then the findings were summed up as follows:

The reckless individual has a general tendency to hurry, regardless of circumstances, but also has a further and fatal tendency to speed up when he thinks or finds out that he can get away with it.

Sooner or later that individual doesn't "get away with it," and that is the time when accident statistics get another boost. Oddly enough, if you asked such an individual whether a coin tossed three times and three times turned up heads would be bound to turn up heads the fourth time, he would probably tell you only a fool would think so.

Well, that's the point.

It might be the better part of wisdom to take a tip from the men who make their living by taking chances with their lives. It's their opinion that "all occupations are dangerous for fools."

As the safety slogans have it: Don't Be Foolish—The Life You Save May Be Your Own!

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THERE AREN'T EMPERORS OR KINGS IN THE UNITED STATES--AND THERE AREN'T ANY DICTATORS. BUT ROYALTY DOESN'T HAVE TO BE POLITICAL. THE MAIN THING THAT COUNTS IS POWER! THAT'S WHAT BIG HUGH NORTON HAD! HE ALSO HAD THE LARGEST OIL WELL IN TEXAS!

ALMOST DONE! JUST A FEW MORE SMACKS-- AND THIS COVER'LL BE WEDGED TIGHT!

UGGHH! THERE SHE'S CAPPED NOW!



OKAY, BOYS! STEP BACK! I'M GONNA DRAW IN THIS GUSHER WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS!

SHE'S ALL YOURS, CHIEF! IT'S A BIG ONE!



SHE'S A GUSHER,
ALL RIGHT! LOOK
AT HER ROAR!!
HA, HA...



YOU DID IT, BOSS!
YOU BROUGHT HER
THROUGH AGAIN!

CONGRATULATIONS, HUGH!
THIS SHOULD BRING IN ABOUT
TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND
BARRELS FOR US!

THAT'S NOTHIN!
SHE'LL BRING
IN MORE!



YES, BIG
HUGH HAD
EVERYTHING
HE WANTED!
HE EVEN
HAD HIS
PRETTY
DAUGHTER
SALLY
TO LOVE
HIM. HE
WAS
RUTHLESS
AND A
TYRANT--
BUT HIS
ONE
WEAKNESS
WAS
SALLY...

OH, DADDY! I'M
SO PROUD OF YOU!
I KNEW IT WOULD
PAY OFF! AND YOU
DROVE YOURSELF
SO!

IT'S ALL FOR YOU, HONEY!
GO BUY YOURSELF ANY-
THING YOU WANT! ORDER
A DOZEN MINK-COATS!
HA/HA... WE GOT ENOUGH
BLACK GOLD TO BUY A
CITY!



I'LL GIVE YOU THE
MOON, HONEY! I-
YOU! WHAT'RE YOU
DOING HERE!

HELLO, NORTON!



GET OUT OF
HERE! GET
OFF MY
LAND!
NOW!

HOLD ON, NORTON! SALLY DROVE
ME HERE! I DIDN'T WANT TO
COME--BUT SHE MADE ME! WE
SAW THE GUSHER FROM THE ROAD!
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT! I GOT NO
RIGHT HERE!



WAYDE,
PLEASE!
WAYDE!!

TELL YOUR OLD MAN I'M GONNA
BUILD MY OWN WELL! THAT'S WHAT
IRKS HIM, DOESN'T IT? TELL HIM
ALSO THAT I'M GONNA SEE YOU IF
I WANT TO! HE'S BOSS ON HIS LAND!
BUT NOT OUTSIDE IT!!



WAYDE CRANDAL WAS A WILDCATTER --ONE OF A HOST OF ENTERPRISING YOUNG MEN WHO COMPETED WITH OIL TYCOON'S LIKE NORTON! ONLY HE HAD MADE GOOD! BIG HUGH HATED HIS GUTS, HOWEVER, NOT BECAUSE HE WAS HORNING IN ON WHAT HE CONSIDERED HIS OWN MARKET-- BUT BECAUSE WAYDE LOVED SALLY...



OKAY, GUYS! LET'S GET STARTED! THIS IS OUR FIRST WELL! WE'LL SHOW NORTON AND ANYONE ELSE HOW WE CAN MAKE THIS A MONEY-HOLE!



HEY, WAYDE! TROUBLE! COME HERE! HURRY!

WHAT THE--?



LET GO!! I'LL KNIFE THE FIRST RANNIE THAT TRIES TO STOP ME!!

BOSS! THIS GUY WUZ GONNA DYNAMITE OUR WELL!!

GET HIM!! KILL THE RAT!

HOLD IT! LEAVE HIM TO ME!



I'LL CUT YOU TO RIBBONS! I'LL--OOHHH!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, BUSTER!!



I'M GONNA TEACH YOU A LESSON! YOU DIDN'T THINK THIS UP ALL BY YOUR LONESOME, FELLA! SPILL IT --OR I'LL MAKE YOU WISH YOU WEREN'T BORN!

OWW!! OOOOH... UGHHH!



COME ON, I SAID! **SPILL IT!!**

D-DON'T CRANDAL! I-I'LL TELL! BIG HUGH GAVE ME FIVE GEES TO QUEER YOUR GUSHER! HE WANTS YOUR LAND! HE GET IT TOO! YOU DON'T KNOW HIM! H-HELL KILL YA IF YOU MAKE GOOD! COUGH... COUGH...

WAYDE, DEAR! IS--IS SOMETHING THE MATTER? I-I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR FATHER'S BEHAVIOR BACK THERE!

SAVE IT SALLY! I JUST CAUGHT A LOUSE IN THE WORKS HERE-- SENT ESPECIALLY FROM YOUR EVER-LOVIN' DADDY TO BLOW THIS AREA SKY-HIGH!



NO! IT-IT'S NOT TRUE! FATHER WOULDN'T--! WAYDE-- I-I CAN'T HIDE IT FROM MYSELF ANY LONGER! YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT I'LL STAY WITH YOU IF YOU WANT ME TO!

THAT'S ALL I WANT, BABY! WE'RE GONNA SHOW YOUR OLD MAN THAT WE HAVE SPUNK! START 'ER ROLLING BOYS! **BACK TO WORK!**



WEEKS PASSED--AND SLOWLY WAYDE CRANDAL'S OIL WELL ROSE INTO THE SKY! HIS ENTIRE SAVINGS HAD BEEN SUNK IN THE VENTURE, BUT IT ALSO REPRESENTED HIS LOVE FOR SALLY NORTON! A MAN GETS RICH FOR MANY REASONS. WAYDE'S REASON WAS TO WIN SALLY HIS WAY!



HE DID IT IN RECORD TIME! WELL! WELL! IT'S A SHAME IT HAS TO COME DOWN! BUT NO YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPER IS GONNA TAKE MY DAUGHTER AWAY FROM ME!



OKAY, BOYS! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO! DON'T LEAVE A STICK STANDING! A THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE WHO BLOWS UP HIS WELL!

DON'T WORRY, CHIEF! IT'S AS GOOD AS DONE!



A HALF-HOUR LATER IN WAYDE'S CAMP...

THERE HE IS, BOYS! GET HIM!! YOU'RE A GONER, WAYDE!!

HEADS UP EVERYONE!! BIG HUGH'S SENT HIS BOYS TO GET ROUGH!! OKAY--IF THIS IS GONNA BE A SHOW-DOWN, LET'S PLAY ROUGH OURSELVES!

OH-H!



THIS'LL BE THE LAST WELL YOU'LL EVER BUILD CRANDAL! I'LL TEAR YOU... UGH!!

THROW 'EM OUT OF HERE, GUYS!



I'M GOING TO SEE FATHER! I'LL MAKE HIM STOP THIS!!

BOSS! LOOK! SUPPORTS ARE GIVING WAY!!

WATCH IT! JUMP CLEAR!!

NORTON'S HIRED RATS SAWED RIGHT THROUGH THE MAIN TIMBERS!!



WHEN SALLY NORTON RETURNED, HARD EYED MEN GREETED HER. THE BATTLE HAD BEEN LOST. WAYDE STOOD FACING HER, UNSEEING...

WAYDE--! I JUST CAME BACK FROM FATHER'S CAMP! IT'S A HOLOCAUST! A CABLE BROKE AND SENT SPARKS INTO THE OIL! THE FIRE'S SPREADING!



THAT'S A REAL SHAME!

PLEASE, DARLING! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT ISN'T JUST DAD! THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF WELLS HERE OWNED BY OTHERS! DAD'S PLACE JOINS THEM! WE ALL BE RUINED! THEY NEED EVERY MAN THEY CAN GET!

IT'S OKAY IF HE TEARS MY WELL DOWN--BUT WHEN HE'S IN A JAM, IT'S DIFFERENT! WELL--HE CAN STEW IN HIS OWN POT!

OH, WAYDE! YOU'RE JUST AS BRUTAL--AND AS HARD AS HE IS! DON'T YOU SEE IT ISN'T A PERSONAL FIGHT ANYMORE? PLEASE! PLEASE--SOB... SOB... SOB...

WELL, CRANDAL! WHADDA YOU SAY?

OKAY! LET'S GO! THE WORSE THAT NORTON CAN DO IS TELL ME TO GET OFF HIS LAND!

YEEAAH-H-H-H!



THE LAND NOW HAD BECOME A MASS OF BLACK SOOT AND SMOKE, MIXED WITH THE ACRID ODOR OF BURNING OIL-- MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH!! CRANDAL AND HIS MEN ARRIVED MOMENTS LATER...

WOW!! I NEVER SEEN NUTHIN' LIKE THIS IN MY WHOLE LIFE!!--MUST BE OVER A DOZEN WELLS GOING UP!

IF WE CAN BLOW UP THAT LAST WELL, SHE WON'T SPREAD!!



WAYDE--OLD MAN NORTON'S UP THERE ON THAT PLATFORM--UNCONSCIOUS! HE GOT KO'ED BY THE SMOKE WHEN HE TRIED TO SAVE THE WELL!!

FATHER--UP THERE! OH!!--I DON'T WORRY, HONEY! I'LL SAVE HIM IF I CAN! AH--HERE'S THE NITRO!!



MOMENTS AFTERWARDS...

WHAT AN EASY WAY TO COMMIT SUICIDE! THIS NITRO IS GETTIN' HOT! GOTTA WORK FAST... THERE'S NORTON!

OHHR...!



THERE! THAT SHOULD DO IT! WHEN THOSE FLAMES REACH THIS BOTTLE--SHE'LL KNOCK THIS SUPPORT SKY-HIGH! NORTON--CAN YOU HEAR ME? GIVE ME YOUR HAND!

CRANDAL--COUGH... COUGH... DON'T BE A FOOL! I--I'M DONE FOR!--SAVE YOURSELF!



I HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO ARGUE! I'M GONNA GET YOU DOWN IF I HAVTA CARRY YOU LIKE A SACK O' WHEAT!!

FASTER, DARLING! FASTER!! THE FLAMES--BEHIND YOU!! HURRY!!



BUT WAYDE CRANDAL HAD CLEARED THE WELL SECONDS BEFORE... LATER...

DARLING--DARLING! YOU'RE SAFE!

SHAKE, SON! I-I CAN'T SAY MUCH NOW--BUT WHEN WE'RE ALL RESTED AND CLEANED UP YOU AND I ARE GONNA START BUILDING AGAIN--AS NORTON & SON, INC! THERE'S ENOUGH "BLACK GOLD" FOR EVERYONE!



THE END

THE WEST RIVER TUNNEL HAD BEEN A BATTLE EVERY INCH OF THE WAY...



I'LL HAVE YOU FREE, HARRY! JUST A FEW MORE YANKS!

NO, THE RIVER'S GOT ME, JACK! SCRAM NOW, BEFORE IT GETS YOU!!

DAVE O'BRIEN



JACK CARRUTHERS



THE KID HAD THE PROMOTION, ALL RIGHT, AND MAYBE HE HAD EARNED IT, BUT THEY WERE SENDING A BOY TO DO A MAN'S JOB. IT TAKES MORE THAN A PROMOTION TO MAKE A...

SANDHOG



I MIGHT HAVE MADE IT GOOD, BUT SUDDENLY THE WHOLE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER SEEMED TO GIVE WAY. THE SHORING SHIFTED, DRAGGING HARRY MACK UNDERWATER, PINNING HIM THERE,....



GOTTA LEAVE...
GOTTA GET OUT!!!

A SANDHOG GETS USED TO DEATH. HE LIVES SO NEAR TO IT. BUT HARRY MACK'S DEATH HAD SHOCKED ME BADLY. WE HAD WORKED SIDE BY SIDE FOR TWENTY YEARS. YET I WAS IN FOR A FURTHER SHOCK WHEN MY NEW CO-WORKER REPORTED FOR DUTY....

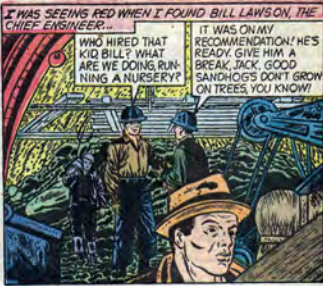


HOLY SMOKE!
YOU!!

YEAH! WHAT'S
WRONG WITH ME?



YOU'LL FIND OUT,
SON! YOU'LL FIND
OUT!



I WAS SEEING RED WHEN I FOUND BILL LAWSON, THE
CHIEF ENGINEER...

WHO HIRED THAT
KID BILL? WHAT
ARE WE DOING RUN-
NING A NURSERY?

IT WAS ON MY
RECOMMENDATION! HE'S
READY. GIVE HIM A
BREAK, JACK. GOOD
SANDHOGS DON'T GROW
ON TREES, YOU KNOW!

BEFORE HARRY MACK'S DEATH, YOUNG DAVE O'BRIEN HAD BEEN A "NIPPER" OR HANDY-BOY. NOW HE WAS AN EQUAL. AN EQUAL? WE'D SEE....



ALL RIGHT, O'BRIEN. NOW
WE'LL KNOW IF YOU CAN
TAKE IT!

WATCH ME,
CARRUTHERS.
I'LL DO MY SHARE!

THE KID WAS A GOOD WORKER. DAY AFTER DAY WE DUG INTO THE MUCK BELOW THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER. EACH DAY I EXPECTED TROUBLE BUT IT DIDN'T COME....



THEN ONE DAY, COMING OFF OUR SHIFT, WE WENT THROUGH THE BULKHEAD DOORS INTO THE TUNNEL. WELDERS WERE SEALING THE CAST-IRON LINING OF THE TUNNEL. YOUNG O'BRIEN, KID LIKE, WAS IN HIGH SPIRITS...



YI! LOOK!



IT IS THE GREAT AMOUNT OF OXYGEN IN "HIGH" AIR THAT MAKES FIRE SUCH A HAZARD. EVERYONE NOW IN THE TUNNEL WAS WORKING FURIOUSLY!!





I SAID... COUGH... COUGH...
...COME OUT!!



THE SMOKE AND
FUMES GOT ME.
THEN, MY KNEES
BUCKLED...

CHOKING, GAGGING, I BEGAN TO PASS
OUT WHEN O'BRIEN GRABBED ME...



THEY'VE TAKEN THE LIFT!
BUT I'LL GET TO THE AIR
LOCK, ANYWAY!!



WE WERE IN THE FIRST AIR LOCK
WHEN I CAME TO. THE OTHERS HAD
MOVED ON INTO THE SECOND LOCK.
THE KID AND I WERE ALONE. IN
SPITE OF O'BRIEN'S BRAVERY,
ANGER AND RESENTMENT
AGAINST HIM WELLED UP WITHIN ME.



YOU CAUSED THAT FIRE
WITH YOUR CARELESSNESS!
I'M GONNA BEAT THE DAY-
LIGHTS OUT OF YOU!



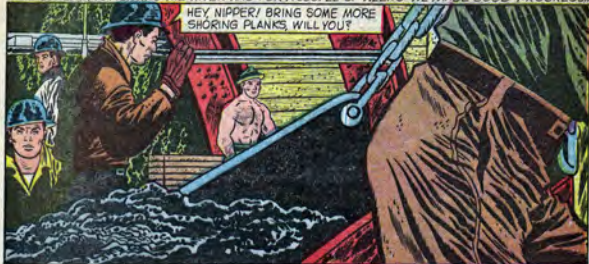
OWWWWWW!!

I'M... SORRY, KID
YOU SAVED MY
LIFE!



DON'T APOLOGIZE, JACK.
I HAD IT COMING. IF I
HADN'T STARTED THE
TROUBLE YOU WOULDN'T
HAVE NEEDED SAVING.
I... GUESS I HAVEN'T
MADE THE GRADE!!

THE FIRE BURNED ITSELF OUT WITHOUT GREAT DAMAGE. BUT EVERYONE HAD SEEN THE CAUSE OF IT. WE GOT BACK TO FIGHTING THE RIVER AND FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS WE MADE GOOD PROGRESS...



HEY, NIPPER! BRING SOME MORE SHORING PLANKS, WILL YOU?

LAWSON HAD BEEN GOING TO FIRE THE KID BUT I WAS ABLE TO TALK THE ENGINEER INTO GIVING DAVE HIS OLD JOB AS 'NIPPER'.

COMING!



BUT ALL THE SPIRIT WAS GONE OUT OF THE KID. HE HAD HAD HIS MIND SET ON BECOMING A SANDHOG.

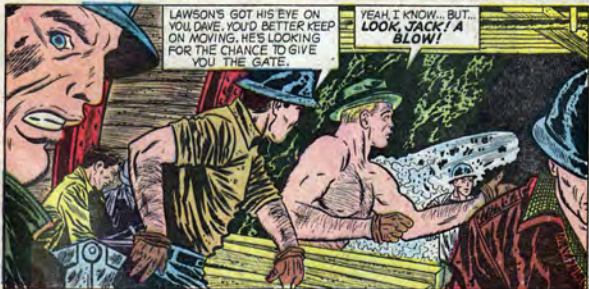
BRING A COUPLE OF MORE PLANKS, WILL YOU KID?

YEAH!



LAWSON'S GOT HIS EYE ON YOU, DAVE. YOU'D BETTER KEEP ON MOVING. HE'S LOOKING FOR THE CHANCE TO GIVE YOU THE GATE.

YEAH, I KNOW... BUT...
LOOK, JACK! A BLOW!



THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER HAD BECOME THIN AS WE HAD PROGRESSED THE HIGH PRESSURE INSIDE THE TUNNEL HAD BLOWN A SMALL HOLE IN THE MUDDY WALL...

**BRING HAY, EVERY-
BODY! A BLOW!!**



IT'S BEING SUCKED RIGHT
UP! THIS IS A BAD ONE!!
BRING A WHOLE BALE!!



MAYBE THAT'LL
STOP IT!

I
DUNNO...



THE KID, LAWSON AND I HAULED THE BALE
THROUGH THE BULKHEAD DOOR...

SUDDENLY
THE THIN
TOP OF THE
TUNNEL
GAVE WAY
COMPLETELY.
EVERYTHING
WAS SUCKED
INTO AN
UPWARD
WHIRLPOOL...



THROUGH THE RIVER'S BOTTOM, THROUGH FORTY FEET OF WATER, WE SHOT....



UH..NNNN!!

I PASSED OUT FROM THE KNOCK ON THE HEAD, BUT THE CAPTAIN OF THE RIVER CRAFT THAT PICKED US UP TOLD US THAT IT WAS YOUNG DAVE O'BRIEN WHO KEPT BOTH LAWSON, WHO COULDN'T SWIM, AND ME AFLOAT...



THROW US A LINE, WILL YOU?



THE BOAT PICKED US UP...

LISTEN... TAKE US TO THE EAST BANK... WHERE THEY'RE DREDGING! IT'S... THE BENDS!!



WE WERE IN BAD SHAPE WHEN WE REACHED SHORE, BUT THANKS TO DAVE O'BRIEN WE WERE STILL ALIVE. THEY HURRIED US TO THE PRESSURE CHAMBER...

WELL... WE ALL SURVIVED NONE THE WORSE FOR THE EXPERIENCE, BUT LAWSON WON'T FORGET ABOUT IT FOR A LONG WHILE. AND WHO IS WORKING BESIDE ME NOW... A FULL-FLEDGED SANDHOG. YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT--THE KID, DAVE O'BRIEN! HE'S GOOD TOO. HE'LL MAKE THE PROMOTION STICK THIS TIME!



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